Mr. K. M. Ibrahim.—May I know, Sir, the nature of urgent works mentioned here?

Rama Varmha Tampuran.—I am sorry I have not got a list of them.

Levies on Motor and Steam boats.

25. Mr. K. M. Ibrahim.—With reference to question No. 488 of the last sitting regarding the Dual Nature and Multiplicity of Government levies on Motor and Steam boats, will the Government be pleased to state the standard by which the levies were made?

Mr. V. K. Aravindaksha Menon.—The P. W. Department realises only the dues authorised by the Canal rules. The rates were fixed after consultation with the Travancore and British Governments.

Mr. K. M. Ibrahim.—May I know, Sir, whether the mere fact of the connivance of Travancore and British Governments is the justification for disproportionately taxing the boats of our State?

President.—You are referring to other Governments and you are using words like 'connivance', etc. You may ask for whatever information you want.

Mr. K. M. Ibrahim.—Is the agreement between the Travancore and British people a complete justification for disproportionately taxing our boats?

Mr. V.K. Aravindaksha Menon.—The necessity for mentioning that these rates were fixed after consulting the Travancore and British Governments is to show that due consideration has been given to this question.

Mr. K. M. Ibrahim.—In the last session the same question was asked and it was said then that it was done according to the agreements of the boat-owners themselves.

President.—I advise you to include this in your tomorrow's speech.

Mr. K. M. Ibrahim.—Will you please make a note of it?

Equipment of human labour with Mechanical Power.

26. Mr. K. M. Ibrahim.—Will the Government be pleased to state the rate of equipment of human labour with mechanical power in the State for the last 10 years?

Mr. V. K. Aravindaksha Menon.—The question is not clear.

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Mr. K. M. Ibrahim.—May I know where is the lack of clearness here?

Mr. V. K. Aravindaksha Menon.—I will request the Member to explain the question.

Mr. K. M. Ibrahim.—I want to know the rate of substitution of human labour with mechanical power in this country which has been going on for the last so many years—whether it is progressing satisfactorily or not.

Mr. V. K. Aravindaksha Menon.—You say 'the rate of equipment of human labour with mechanical power'. How can it be explained?

Mr. K. M. Ibrahim.—Some of the very inconvenient man-feeling labour is in civilised countries substituted by machinery and mechanical power.

President.—Please give some concrete examples.

Mr. K. M. Ibrahim.—For example, in our State, husk-beating should be done with machinery or we must have some contrivance by which it can be done. That is substitution of human labour with machinery.

Mr. V. K. Aravindaksha Menon.—I can only say that in general, there has been an increase of the use of machinery in the State during the last ten years.

Mr. K. M. Ibrahim.—I was asking about definite statistics. Can the Government kindly supply that at their earliest opportunity?

Mr. V. K. Aravindaksha Menon.—I can make an attempt.

Mr. K. T. Mathew.—May I know whether the Government brought this to the attention of the President of the Council that this question is not clear?

Mr. V. K. Aravindaksha Menon.—The question was not clear as to what exactly the Member wanted.

Mr. K. M. Ibrahim.—May I know why no requisition was made earlier?

Mr. V. K. Aravindaksha Menon.—We thought we would ask the Hon'ble Member to make it clear.

Smallest Motor boat for passage-traffic.

27. **Mr. K. M. Ibrahim.**—Will the Government be pleased to state the capacity of the smallest motor boat for passage-traffic ever since the P. W. D. began to license boats?

Mr. V. K. Aravindaksha Menon.—Capacity—2 tons.

Levies on small boats.

28. **Mr. K. M. Ibrahim.**—Will the Government be pleased to state all the details (the respective heads and amounts, etc.) of Government levies including income-tax on the motor boat mentioned in the above question?

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